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Before DALE M. SHAW, Chief Appeals Administrator SHAW, Chief Appeals Administrator.

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

On March 5, 2008, counsel for the Appellants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16,

2000), and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the Examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this dismissal, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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